Rec Jan 14
Ans Jan 15

Hot Springs Ark.
January 12th 1879.

Dear Doctor Engelmann

It was fortunate that my
looking glass, was adorned
with Ilex Cassine; otherwise
I have would have been a
bad chance of getting any
berries: the weather has not only
been cold, but the snow, would
fleet have made it almost
impossible to go out; and
yet there are Ladies, who go to
the "iron spring" to bathe about
a square from [illegible] and it
does not seem to hurt
them. Gaston is very well!

have a wretched cold. I hope most sincerely George is better I think of him all the time if sympathy could be of any use to him I am sure he would be improving rapidly and when I think how much I used to suffer it seems to me sad to think I can do nothing for a person who has done so much for me - please give him my kindest regards — I am happy to say that it is thawing it is the first time that it has been this warm from the beginning of the month excepting on the 2nd and it has been below 0 twice in that time. Please remember me to Mrs Engelmann Will Much love believe me

Yours Sincerely

Mary Loutar S.

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Acc May 2nd

Hot Springs Ark.

May 1st 1879.

Dear Doctor Engelmann

Mamma health has im-
proved so much, and the
is so anxious, to go home;
that Gaston has consented
to let her do so. we will
probably be in Saint-Louis
on Wednesday, or Thursday,
I am quite sorry to leave
at this time of the year but—
Mamma insist upon it. I
I have been watching my

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Ferns, with great care — unfortunately no fertile fronds yet have yet made their appearance — the back yard of the Hotel is my botanical garden, as all the rest of the hill around the hot springs, has been so much walked over, every thing like a Fern has been destroyed. But the Cherokee the Alabamensis is found all around the tank from which the hot water is constantly dripping and they follow the iron pipes all along showing it is not only the moisture but the heat that attracts them —

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is this small Fern Coo-
ks young to be identified it
is some kind of a Cheilanthes
o I suppose — this is a
miserable specimen of
Asplenium parvulum.
but it is the best I can do at-
present. I have a friend here
whom I can trust. I have
showed where these Ferns
grow and she will get
them for me when the
season is sufficiently advanced
the Ilex does not bloom until
June at least so they tell
me here. I have searched
very carefully my self and have
found no sign of a blossom.
the Magnolia is not in

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bloom it does not grow
wild here but I can easily
get some flowers even in
Saint Louis. Nothing that
I could do for you would
be a trouble on the contrary
the greatest pleasure I have
is to gratify the wishes of
so kind a friend
I was very grateful for
your letter. Mamma wishes
to be remembered she
has taken no morphine since
she left home what is
better is that the has not
needed any.
With love to George believe
me dear Doctor
Sincerely your friend
Mary Louise D.

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Ans Carter Sp Aug 19
Ans 23

D Saint Louis Mo

August 16th 1879.

Dear Dr Engelmann.

I received your letter this morning Papa and Mama are better than could be expected. we have had some very warm days since you left. but now the weather is cold and rainy. I am some what better but not yet able to go out or walk even across the room without feeling great pain I have followed your directions

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with scrupulosity and will
continue to do so.

Mamma has been to see Anna
twice every thing seemed all right
over at your house as to
peaches I think it almost
impossible to get good ones
and it is too early to put them
up yet.

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I will have to ask you to
excuse this short letter as it fati-
gues me to write even this much.

Papa and Mamma send their
kind remembrances with much
love believe me

Your friend
Mary Lombard.

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Rec'd Arrangement Dear Sept 2
Ans Mailed Sept 12

Arcadia Mo
August 29th 1879.

Dear Doctor Engelmann

I have just received your letter of August 23rd as you said nothing about your health I concluded you have quite recovered. You will no doubt be surprised to hear that I am in "Arcadia" - only Geographically speaking however; I was opposed to leaving home but have at length yielded to Mamma's solicitations - she seemed so anxious about me and was fully persuaded that I would regain my strength in the country. I came in the sleeping-car but was very much fatigued on arriving

and was very ill for several days after. however I am much better now - I am not suffering at all, sleep well, and have taken two drives without any bad results - since you were kind enough to say that it pained you to think I was suffering you will not consider me very selfish if I ask you to rejoice that I am out of pain - I was astonished to hear Annie had not written to you I sent her your note as soon as I received it - Mamma wrote word that she sent the second note to her also - Blanche and the Children are well and send their love. Mamma has been sick again she has had several attacks

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since I left home —
Mrs Webster I hear continues
to improve — I have not been
well or strong enough to look
for the Woodwardia Augusti-
folia and all my deputies
have failed to find it but I do
not dispair — I have found a
new Fern!! If it is not a
Monstrosity but at all events
it will be interesting to you
the Woods are full of wild grapes
I never saw such an abundance
of them before. we have all
been out gathering wild Cherries
for Blanche. If I only knew
the kind of grape it was
that you wished to keep
the seeds of I am sure
I could get a great many
surely there are two differen
Junipers — I will be obligd
to ask you to excuse. this

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stupid letter but- there
is nothing I- could write about
my existence is to very
monotonous- I hope
Dear Doctor that you
will enjoye yourself a
great deal and that the
time of your return is
not- far distant- since
I am not- to go to the hot
Springs until late in the
winter (If at- all) I hope
you will not- forget your-
promise to let me help
you in arranging your
Herbarium
hoping to hear from
you soon believe
Yours Sincerly
Mary Soulard

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Rec^d Empire Aug 13
Ans ——— 15

2940 Locust Street
Saint Louis Mo
August 9th 1881.

My dear Dr Engelmann

It was so kind in you to write to me, I was delighted with your letter. I sincerely hope the Hot Sulphur Springs will be a great benefit to you. I remember when Dr Pope & I taking baths of 92 but of course there the temperature was raised gradually.

Mama has improved very much she thoroughly enjoyed her visit to Geneva Lake found the place wonderfully improved. since her return home she does not seem to feel the heat so much to be sure the weather is more bearable that is to say a little cooler but notwithstanding we have had some very hot days Gaston got letter almost as soon as he got in a cooler climate he enjoyed the fishing very much catching 200 fish in one afternoon.

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Missouri Botanical Garden

he left on Thursday for Texas to stay a
some time with his friend Mr Frost -
on a sheep ranch in Tom Green County
they say the Climate is much the same
as San. Antonio if Gaston likes it he
will stay all winter We received a
telegram from him yesterday stating
ing he had arrived safely at Aberdeen
where they lear the rail road he felt
perfectly well.

Papa was very ill after you left an
attack of Cholera Morbus I was very
much alarmed about him (you can
imagine how much he hated it) and
felt quite lost without you or Mama
Papa however behaved very well and
me do all that was necessary.

Your garden looks very well excepting
the grass which is so parched that it
seems dead. I think it was cut too often
and too close if it is any consolation
to have fellow sufferers! the Gardener is

and that round the church does not look much better.

I went over to the House as I could not give you news of the inmates without so doing - every thing seemed alright the girl had just received a letter from Emily she said that George was very well and that they would be in Boston in a few days. Annie if other girl was not well enough to work and was obliged to go home her sister was staying in her place the Doctor who is staying there I have never seen sometimes there is a light in your office but very seldom As for myself I have not been very well - no appetite etc - suppose it is the hot weather and parting from Gaston combined. I spent the day in the country yesterday - near Florissant - both cattle and crops are sadly in need of rain - driving is no pleasure the dust was fearful - I could not help

Thinking of what Bob Ingersol said last Spring how wrong it was in providence to wait so much water when we would need it so much next summer - he was ~~ri~~ right about our needing it

General Turner went to Arcadia on Saturday as usual but did not return on ~~Sat~~ Monday as Blanche was quite ill he has just arrived with Marie who is to stay with Mama as I am going to Arcadia on the coming Tuesday John is also sick from ~~t~~ cutting so you see I have my hands full - as soon as I arrive in Arcadia I will write again and let you know how Blanche is.

I am sure if you knew what a pleasure a letter from you was and what a consolation you would write a few lines whenever you had time With much love from all the family I remain as ever Yours sincerely

Mary Lovland.

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Rec Aug 31
Ans Sept 11

LA ROCHELLE

P. O box 129
Colorado City
Mitchell Co
Texas

August 15th 1882

My dear Doctor

I have waited so long before writing I am afraid my letter will not be as welcome as it might have been I little thought when I left Saint-Louis it would be a month before I will have an opportunity of sending a letter to town with any reasonable hope of having it mailed I waited anxiously three weeks before I heard a word from home of course I always hear from you through Papa letters so I knew you got the plantes I sent from Colorado City and the Oak leaves from the ranch; I have not yet found the cactus you wished but am always looking for it

and think my perseverance ought
and will be rewarded with success
if it grows in this Climate
I like Texas very much and
my life here is far from lonely
although I have assumed no
duties as yet having been requested
to consider myself a guest until
the house is finished at present
we only have one room that is in-
habitable and that is my
bed room we take all our
meals in the open air under
the trees and are not at all
annoyed by insects as there
are no flies or mosquitoes I
find in this respect that Texas has
been slandered the weather has
been very considerate although
it has rained almost every night
since I have been here exactly
four weeks today it has never
rained but twice at meal time

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There are very few flowers in bloom now and the weather is so warm in the day time that we have made no excursions yet the only fern I have found is Pellaea atropurpurea I always thought Mistletoe grew in damp places but it grows on every thing here with the greatest luxuriance I have collected a few specimes for you but I find it rather bewilderring as every thing is strange to me and I find my botany of no use whatever. The Climate seems to agree with me and if I am able to stand the hot days I do not think I will ever want to go back to Saint-Louis except to see my friends again for after seeing what ranch life is I would not have the face to ask any one to make me a visit it is

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possible that in ten or fifteen years Tom Green County may be Civilized but at present I see no prospects of it every thing I planted has grown beautifully and there is no reason why a person could not have a vegetable garden with even less labor that in Missouri but there's the rub it is almost impossible to get labor here the way they get servants here is by going to town paying a fine for some one and getting them out of Jail they generaly stay with one until they have payed back their fine and made enough to get on another spree. I hope you will not find my letter as stupid as it seems to me but I have been interupted so often I hardly know What I have written. I hope George and Emily are well and enjoying themselves I will be grateful for a few lines from you — Mary